

## Trust and Understanding

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*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
– Proverbs 3:5 –*

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Science has undeniably brought us many benefits throughout history, particularly over the course of the past several centuries. We are glad that many have a vocational calling to the scientific fields of medicine, biochemistry, mathematics, physics, *et. al.* These are vanguards, whether wittingly or unwittingly, of carrying out God's dominion mandate given to Adam and his posterity in the Garden – "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it..." (Gen. 1:28). Mankind alone owns the responsibility of investigating nature and harnessing its forces for the benefit of successive generations.

All this being understood, it is concerning that we are witnessing a bombardment of ad campaigns and messaging these days that are in one way or another exhorting us to "Trust the Science" (or the scientific "experts"). While "science" has a legitimate place in God's plan for mankind, we must ever keep fresh in our minds that knowledge and understanding can never be unlimited, nor are they necessarily always benign, when in the hands of fallen man. Foundational philosophy and motive of the "experts" thus become the arbiters of whether such "experts" *deserve* our trust.

God's intention has and will always be that reason and knowledge be guided by *faith*. Many of today's scientific "experts" come from an atheistic or agnostic point of view. And others of them, though God-fearing, can nonetheless be influenced to some degree or another by that same atheistic perspective that dominates their professional field. When intellect deposes reverent faith for the primary position of analyzing the facts before us, the pathway gets misdirected into extremely dangerous territory, leading us away from the Lord rather than toward Him.

Friends, we must be ever circumspect. Even pre-pandemic, mankind appears to be rapidly accelerating down a mis-directed path toward global blasphemy of the Spirit. This journey is being heralded and encouraged increasingly by "science". As many run to and fro and knowledge is increased, that knowledge, because it is not subjected to faith, is puffing man up toward his fallen desire to "be as God".

Yet, despite the influence of godless "experts" who are herding mankind in this devilish direction, and in the midst of a rapidly transitioning intellectual culture, God has graciously granted Christians – every Christian – the priceless gift of the mind of Christ and with it, the ability to judge all things (1 Corinthians 2: 12-16) Yes, we who are born again boast the very Spirit of the Living God as the regenerator of our minds and the source and encourager of our faith! There is no reason for us to lean to our own understanding, or anyone else's, for that matter. He who has declared the end from the beginning is the source and the spring of our knowledge base.

As mankind trudges through its most recent pandemic of disease, those who place their trust in the LORD with all their heart, acknowledging Him in all their ways, will be the ones who possess a *peace that passes understanding*, and will thus have their paths directed toward the place of safety and security.